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CIA Head's Warning Sound

ALLEN W. DULLES used the most obvious truth when he said that no lasting security is possible in the world "as long as the present Soviet system remains." The existing system and the promises held out at such conferences as Geneva are crazy contradictions in terms.

The head of the Central Intelligence Agency admittedly has given one of the gloomiest estimates of Russian intentions yet to come from a top administration official but he must be praised for that. The glowing optimism of some officials—his brother, for one—is something less than realistic and, worse than that, misleading.

As he said, the free world would be foolish to reject any moves the Soviets might make, under stress and strain, which might result in enlarging the free world, but to that must be added his warning that basic changes in the Soviet Union can only come slowly.